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SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL TO
TAKE UP AQUINO'S TEMPORARY RELEASE TODAY

REF: MANILA 2920

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD PRESS FEBRUARY 22 THAT EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET THIS
AFTERNOON (FEBRUARY 23) TO TAKE UP BENIGNO AQUINO'S REQUEST
FOR TEMPORARY RELEASE IN ORDER TO CAMPAIGN FOR IBP. MARCOS
SAID THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE "WILL SUBMIT A CATEGORICAL
RECOMMENDATION" AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
AND THE SOLICITOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

2. MEANWHILE, AQUINO SENT STILL ANOTHER LETTER TO MARCOS
ASKING THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE NSC PERSONALLY
TO PRESENT HIS CASE AND PROPOSE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE
ARRANGEMENTS. HE NOTED THAT OTHER DETAINEES HAVE BEEN GIVEN
FURLOUGHS AND PASSES FOR FAMILY EMERGENCIES OR ANNIVERSARIES,
AND HE PROPOSED THAT THE TIME ROUTINE PRIVILEGES BE GIVEN HIM.
"UNDER THIS VERY SIMPLE FORMULA, MY MILITARY CUSTODIAN

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CAN GIVE ME A PASS TO CAMPAIGN, IF NEED BE UNDER MILITARY
ESCORT, AND I CAN REPORT TO HIM EVERY MORNING OR EVERY
EVENING, WHICHEVER IS CONVENIENT TO HIM, EITHER PERSONALLY
OR BY TELEPHONE OR THROUGH MY SECURITY OFFICER."

3. AQUINO WAS REPORTED BY BULLETIN TODAY TO HAVE ALREADY
FILED A CASE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT IN PURSUIT OF HIS

BID FOR TEMPORARY RELEASE. EMBOFF HAS APPOINTMENT WITH
AQUINO'S LEGAL ADVISER, JOVITO SALONGA, THIS AFTERNOON AND
HOPES TO OBTAIN "INSIDE STORY."

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